

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the amendments presented herein and the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

In the pending Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 6, 9, 19, and 39, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Takahashi '216 in view of Toyoda '282, Ohnishi '009, Mori '674, and Akiyama '053; rejected claims 7 and 9, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Takahashi '216 in view of Toyoda '282, Ohnishi '009, Mori '674, Akiyama '053 and Katsuma '308; and rejected claims 8 and 9, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Takahashi '216 in view of Toyoda '282, Ohnishi '009, Mori '674, Akiyama '053, Katsuma '308, and Shiono.

The Examiner also objected to claim 19 as containing several informalities and indicated that claims 27-32 and 36-38 were allowed.

Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's prior art rejections of claims 6-9, 19, and 39, by this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 6-9, 19, and 39 in an effort to expedite the examination of this application. As such, the only claims remaining in this application are the claims already designated as being allowed. Moreover, by virtue of these cancellations, the prior art rejections and objections to these claims have now been rendered moot. Applicants, therefore, request the immediate withdrawal of the objections and rejections under §103(a).

All matters having been addressed and in view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate passage to issue of this application.

Applicant submits that the entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as the claim changes: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not require any further consideration as the changes

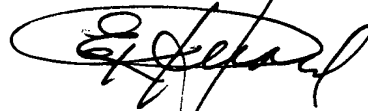
incorporate, in one form or another, features already searched; and (c) places the application in better form for an Appeal, should an Appeal be necessary.

Applicant's Counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number **033975**, Order No. 008312-0271598. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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